

Green Team Meeting April 5, 2012

Attendees: Rich Dennis, Chris Haddox, John Hall, Jim Kotcon, Trevor Lloyd, Will Reilly, Aaron Sutch, Steve Woodruff, Chris Van Dyke (acting secretary)

1, 2, 3. Meeting began at 5:35 PM. Aaron Sutch introduced himself to the Greenteam. Aaron is working with the Mountain Institute and is currently collaborating with Downstream Strategies on a community solar project. Minutes of the March 1, 2012 Green Team meeting were approved without change.

City report: Trevor Lloyd reported there has been no movement on the pilot project for LED street lighting. The new fire station has officially received LEED certification.

4. WV Sustainable Communities Project

Rich Dennis thought this grant is targeted to smaller communities so we should probably not apply. After a brief discussion, the Greenteam agreed.

5. Fleet Analysis

A working meeting is needed to consider the scope of the study, analysis and possible recommendations. Rich Dennis will contact the members of the Energy Subcommittee and anyone else interested with possible meeting times.

6. Earth day Activities

- Barbara Walker (NETL) requested a speaker for 4/24. Chris Haddox may be willing to speak and suggested “local initiatives” as the topic. He will contact Barbara directly.
- 4/17, 7 PM Film: *Last Mountain* in Gluck theater (Mountainlair)
- 4/18, 7 PM Panel discussion: *Biological Impacts of Mountain Top Removal Mining* in Gluck theater
- 4/29 10 AM – 4 PM Impact Earth: Festival, 5K/10K run at WaterFront Park

The Greenteam opted not to have a booth at Impact Earth due to low interest in previous years.

7.A. Old Business: Clean Air Act resolution

After a brief discussion, it was agreed stop any further activity on this resolution.

7.B. Old Business: Energy performance contract

Jim Kotcon presented an updated graph of the annual electricity consumption of four municipal buildings. This showed continuing consumption drop since the implementation of energy conservation measures despite a hotter than average summer. The airport terminal had the greatest savings.

7.C. Old Business: Appalachian Stewardship Foundation (ASF) Grant

ASF declined the \$125,000 proposal although considered the proposal “interesting.” Chris Haddox inquired if a narrowed proposal for a lesser amount would be fundable; he is still awaiting a response.

7.D Old Business: Woodburn School reuse

According to Chris Haddox, about 100 responses have been received to the survey; the property may be challenging to acquire due to cost. If the City does not buy it, it is likely that the property will be auctioned. The Board of Education may also use the property for the Head Start program.

7.E. Old Business: LED Street Light pilot location

Concerns were raised about site on University Ave. due to development at “Grand Central Station.”

7.F. Old Business: Marcellus shale gas exploration in Morgantown / WVU

Jim Kotcon said that the proposed gas wells on the WVU farm had fallen through; he expects the issue to resurface. This month the EPA is due to issue new rules on gas/oil production. Chris Haddox mentioned a Greenteam letter sent to council years ago; Jim recommends considering resending this or a similar letter.

Next Meeting at May 3 at 5:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.